



GTI Combustion Technologies for the Industry



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Presentation Outline

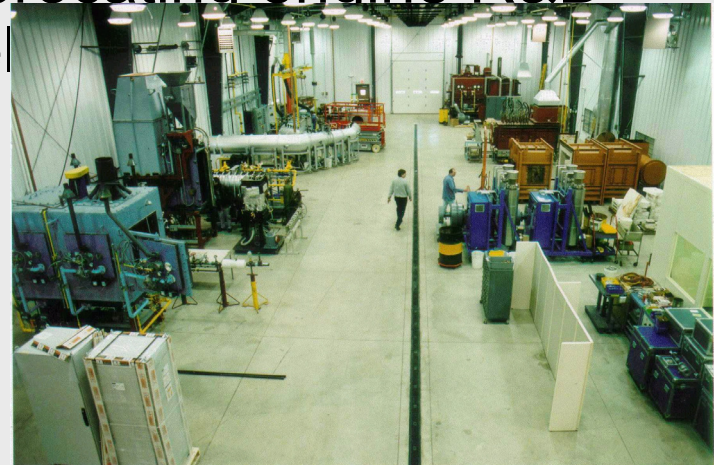
- > What is GTI?
- > Commercially available technologies
- > Technologies under development
- > Planned developments

GTI

- > Leading U.S. research, development and training organization serving energy and environmental markets
- > Headquarters: Des Plaines, IL
 - 300,000 sq-ft facility on an 18-acre campus
 - Laboratories, test facilities, library, offices
- > Staff: 340
- > Contract research, development, and demonstration projects

Combustion Research Facilities

- > Over 20,000 sq-ft facilities housing a wide range of test equipment and instrumentation
 - Boilers and boiler simulators
 - Pilot and full scale industrial furnaces
 - Residential-commercial laboratory
 - Gas turbine and reciprocating engine R&D



Commercially Available Technologies

- > Oxygen-enriched air staging *
- > FIR burner for boilers and radiant tubes*
- > Oscillating combustion for oxy-gas furnaces*
- > METHANE de-NOX for stoker boilers*
- > High luminosity oxy-gas burner for fiberglass furnaces*
- > Ceramic radiant tubes

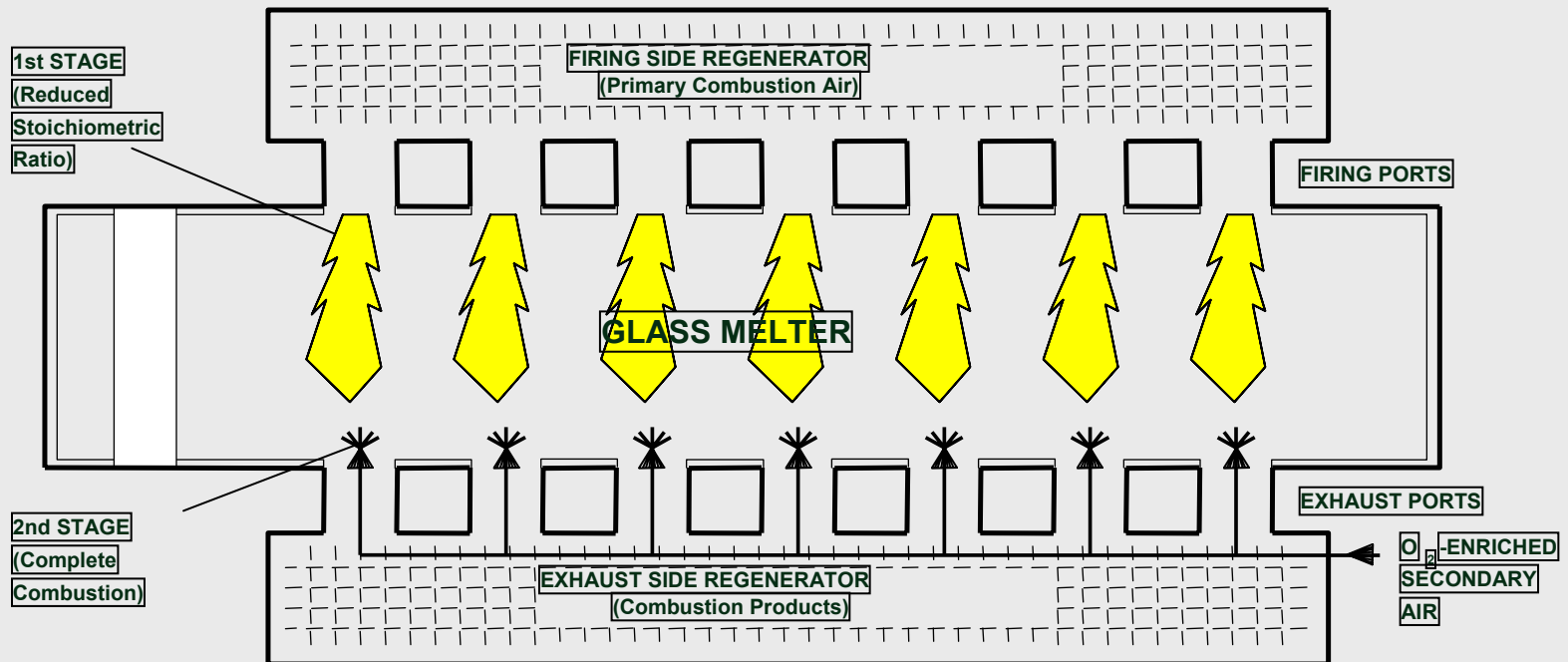
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Technologies Under Development

- > Other applications for commercial technologies
- > Thermal Imaging Control* – ready for field evaluation
- > Self Optimizing Combustion system
- > Gas –Fired paper dryer
- > Direct flame impingement heating*
- > Superboiler*- component testing
- > Dimple heat exchanger*
- > Indirect-fired flat radiant panel – ready for field evaluation

Oxygen Enriched Air Staging

- > Key feature: Low cost NO_x reduction for industrial furnaces
- > Applications: Glass melting, steel reheat, process heaters?
- > Partners: Eclipse Combustion, end users
- > Sponsors: DOE OIT, GRI, SoCal Gas, SMP



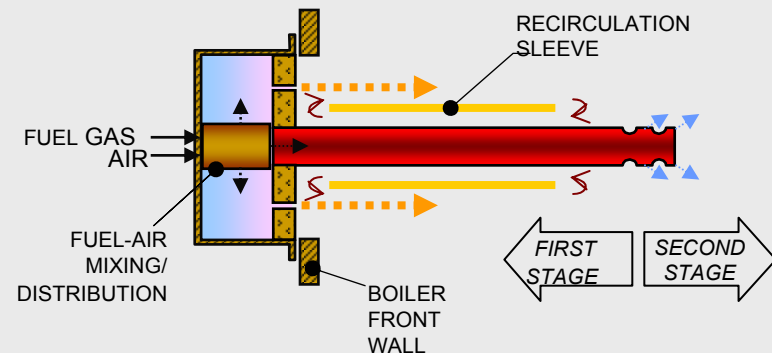
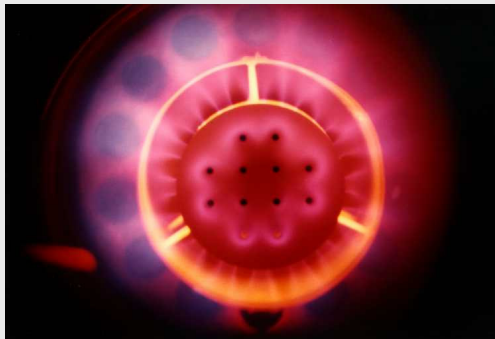
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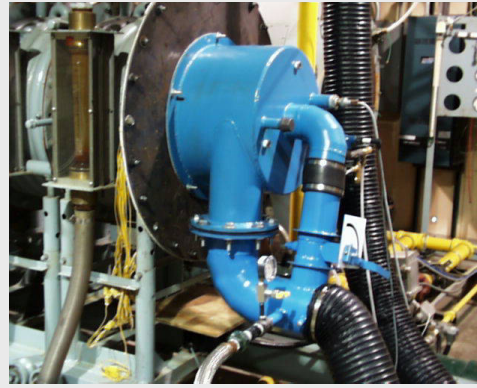
- > Commercialized for container and flat glass furnaces
 - twelve installations, several sales in process
- > Future activities: Expand application to other furnaces

FIR Burner for Boilers and Process heaters

- > Key Features: Sub 10/15 vppm NO_x (NGas/ Mixed steel industry fuels) with low excess air and w/o FGR
- > Applications: Commercial and industrial boilers and water heaters, and process heaters
- > Partners: Johnston Boilers, COEN, Peabody Engineering, end-users
- > Sponsors: DOE OIT, GRI, SoCal Gas, SMP



FIR Burner Status



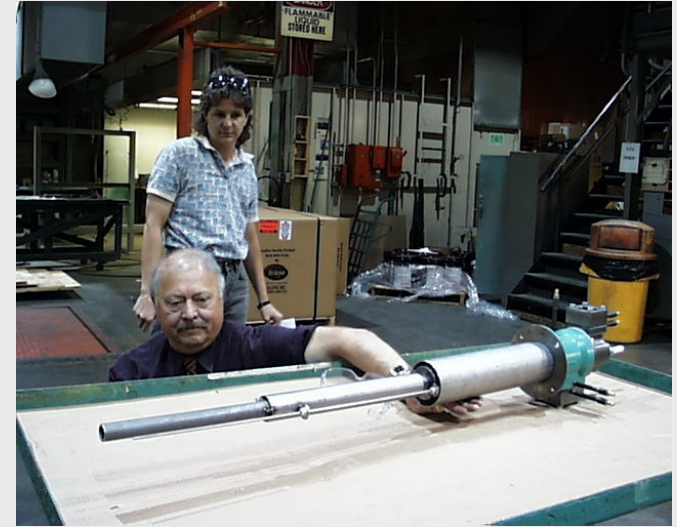
- > Field evaluated at Miller Brewing and vanderberg AFB achieving below 10 vppm and below 15 vppm respectively
- > Both burners in operation since 2000

Commercially available for ngas fired firetube boilers. Currently expanding to watertube boilers to fire oil and mixed gaseous fuels and to reduce NOx below 5 vppm,

- > Sold two 10.5 MM Btu/H commercial units to Fullerton College, CA
- > First already in operation with below 10 vppm NOx

High Performance Radiant Tubes

- > Key Features: Ultra low NO_x emissions and uniform tube temperature
- > Applications: Heat treating furnaces, other radiant tube furnaces
- > Partners: Eclipse Combustion
- > Sponsors: GRI, SoCal Gas, SMP, NYGAS, CARB



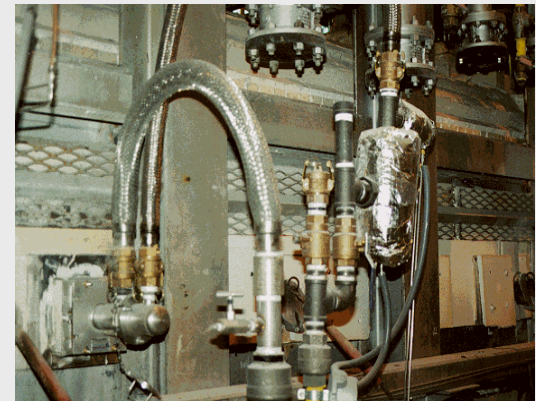
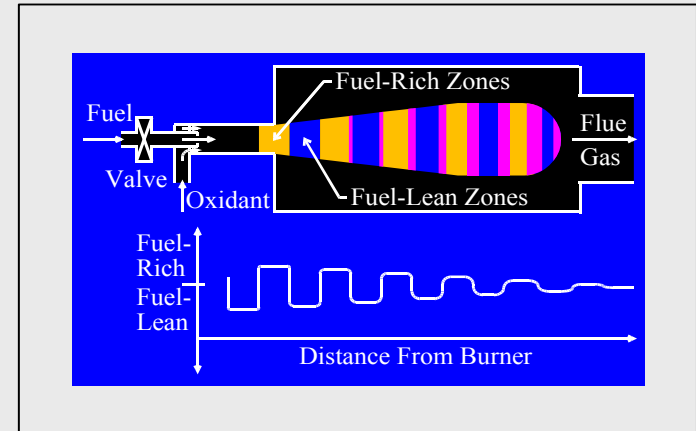
High Performance Radiant Tube Status

- > proved performance on a 4 inch diameter tube on GTI's heat treating lab furnace
- > Currently being installed for field evaluation testing at ITW CIP Stampings in Santa Fe Springs, CA



Oscillating Combustion

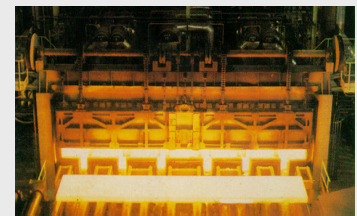
- > Key features: Inexpensive valve/controller retrofit to conventional burners increases heat transfer by 5%+, and reduces NO_x by 30-70%
- > Applications: Glass melters, forging, steel reheat, cement/lime kilns, etc.
- > Partners: Air Liquide, Synergistics Partners, end users
- > Sponsors: DOE OIT, GRI, SMP, SoCal Gas, Columbia Gas



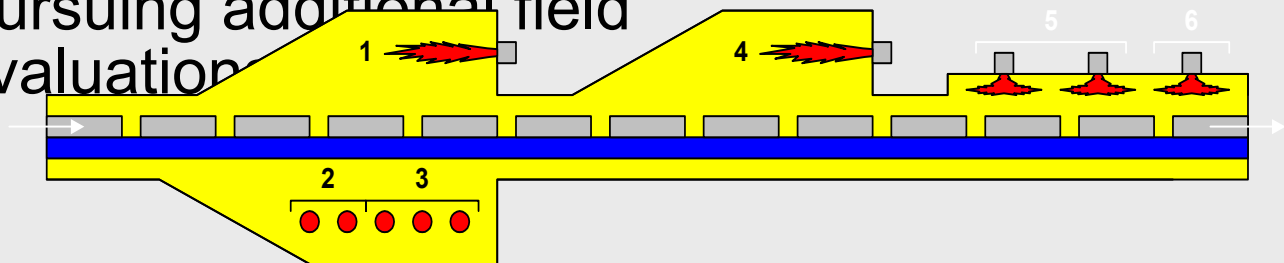
Oscillating Combustion Status

- > Converted Johns-Manville 150-ton/d borosilicate oxy-gas fiber wool melter for field evaluation

- 55% NO_x reduction
- 30°- 50°F drop in crown temperature
- 3% fuel, 7% O₂ savings
- no impact on glass quality

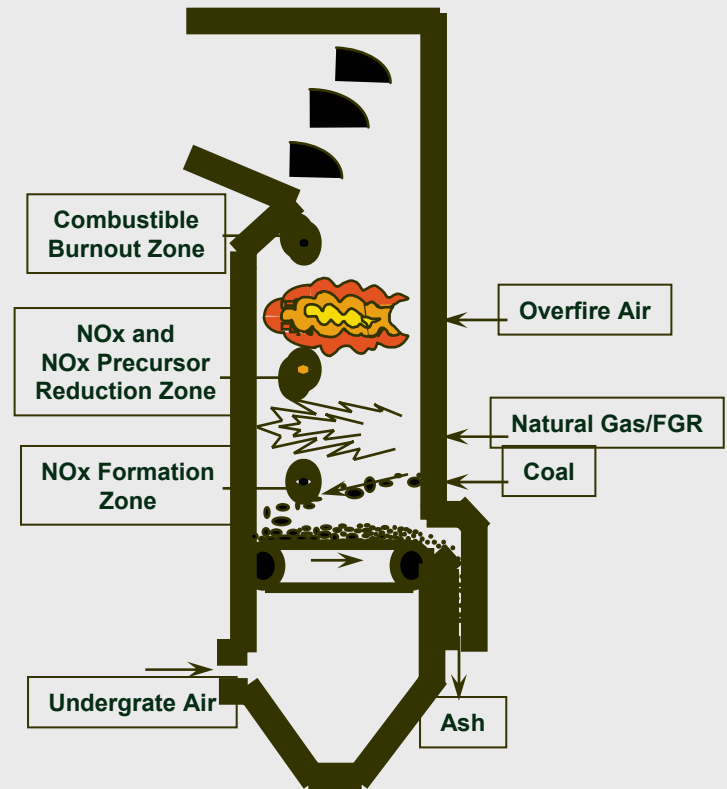


- > Pursuing additional field evaluation



METHANE de-NOX

- > Key Features: Uses 10% natural gas to reduce NO_x by 50% and increase efficiency by 2%
- > Applications: Stoker-fired MSW, biomass, and coal boilers
- > Partners: ESA (USA), Takuma Company (Japan), end users
- > Sponsors: GRI, DOE OIT, SMP, SoCal Gas, several other gas utilities



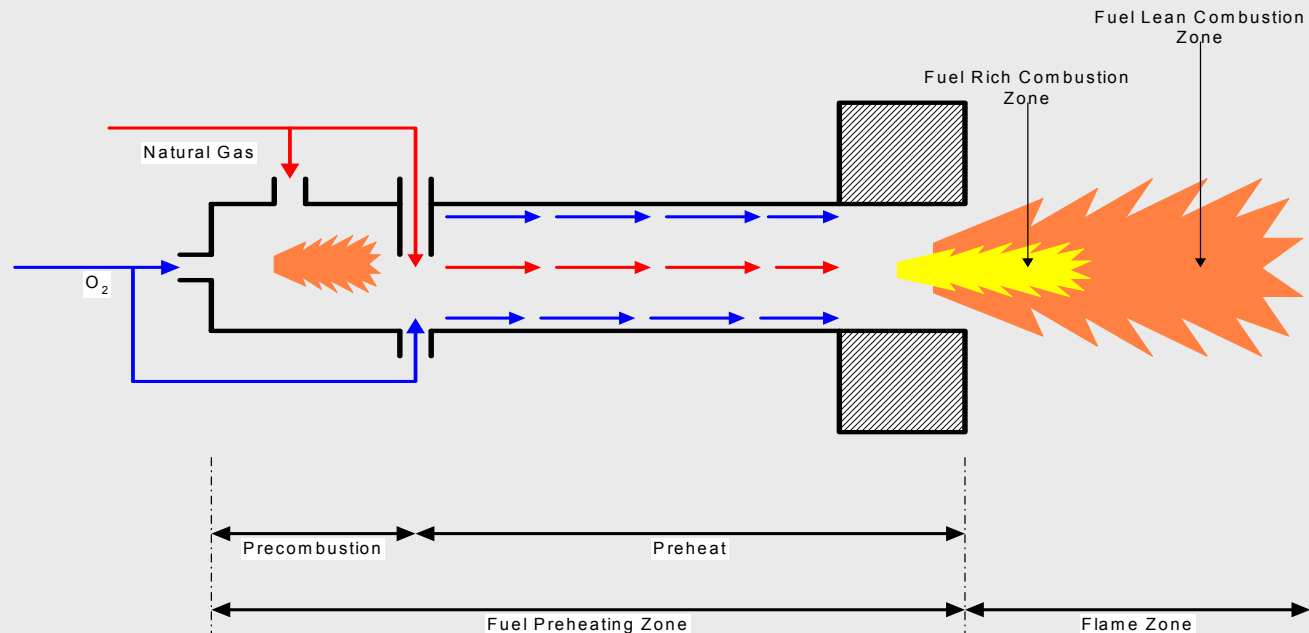
METHANE de-NOX Status

- > Converted eight coal-fired boilers at Cogentrix, including seven sales
 - received R&D 100 award
- > Field evaluated on a wood-fired stoker at Boise Cascade
 - unit is in continuous operation
 - received AFPA award
- > Currently installing on several wood fired and coal fired stoker boilers and testing use of NCGs as reburn fuel



High Luminosity Oxy-Gas Burner

- > Key features: Reduces NO_x and increases efficiency of oxy-gas systems
- > Applications: High temperature furnaces
- > Partners: Eclipse Combustion, Owens Corning, PPG
- > Sponsors: GRI, DOE OIT, SMP, NYSERDA



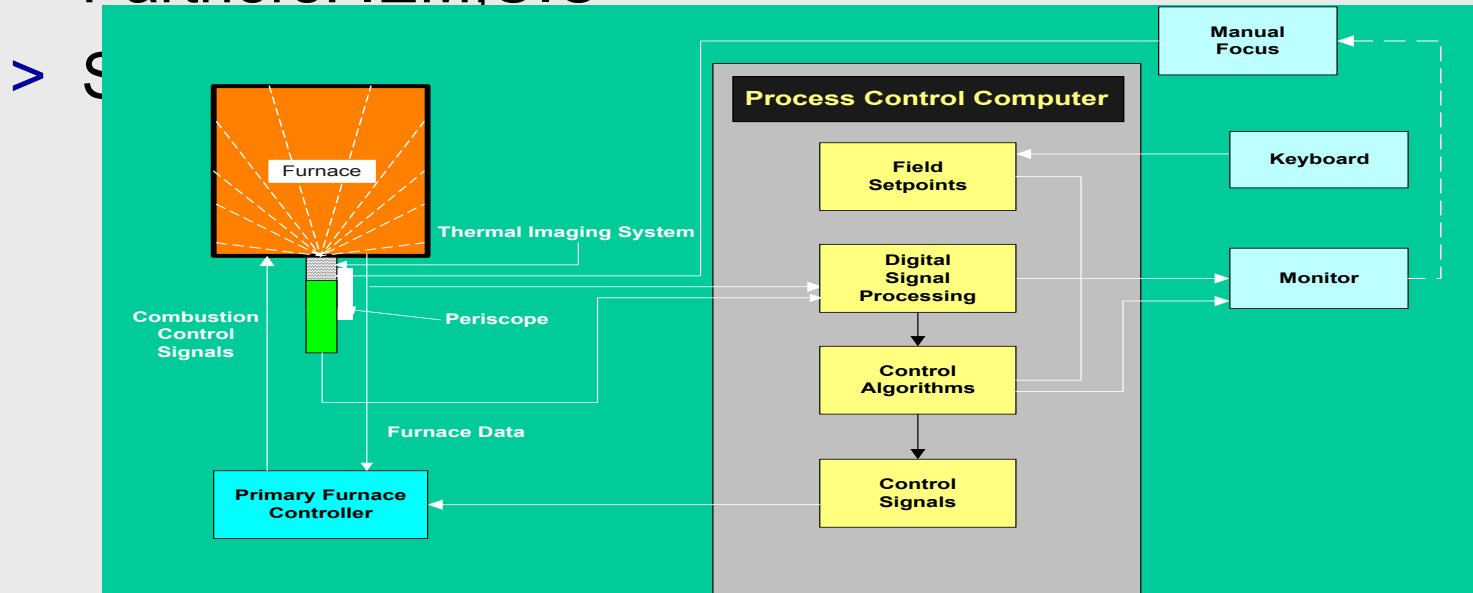
High Luminosity Oxy-Gas Burner Status

- > Proved performance in the laboratory at 0.5 and 2 MMBtu/H scales
- > Field evaluated on an Owens Corning fiber glass and a PPG flat glass furnace through partial conversion
- > Future activities: complete testing of full conversion, expand applications and develop commercial designs



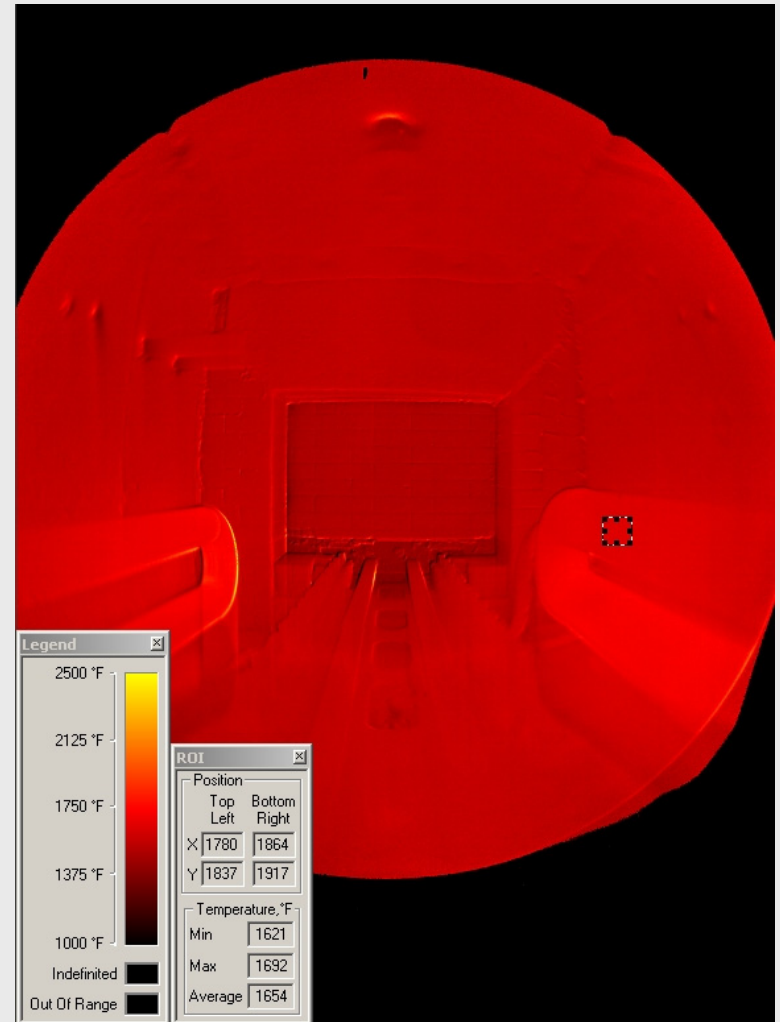
Thermal Imaging Control of Processes

- > Key feature: Uses furnace/oven interior temperature maps for combustion and process control
- > Applications: Medium to High temperature furnaces
- > Partners: IEM, UIC



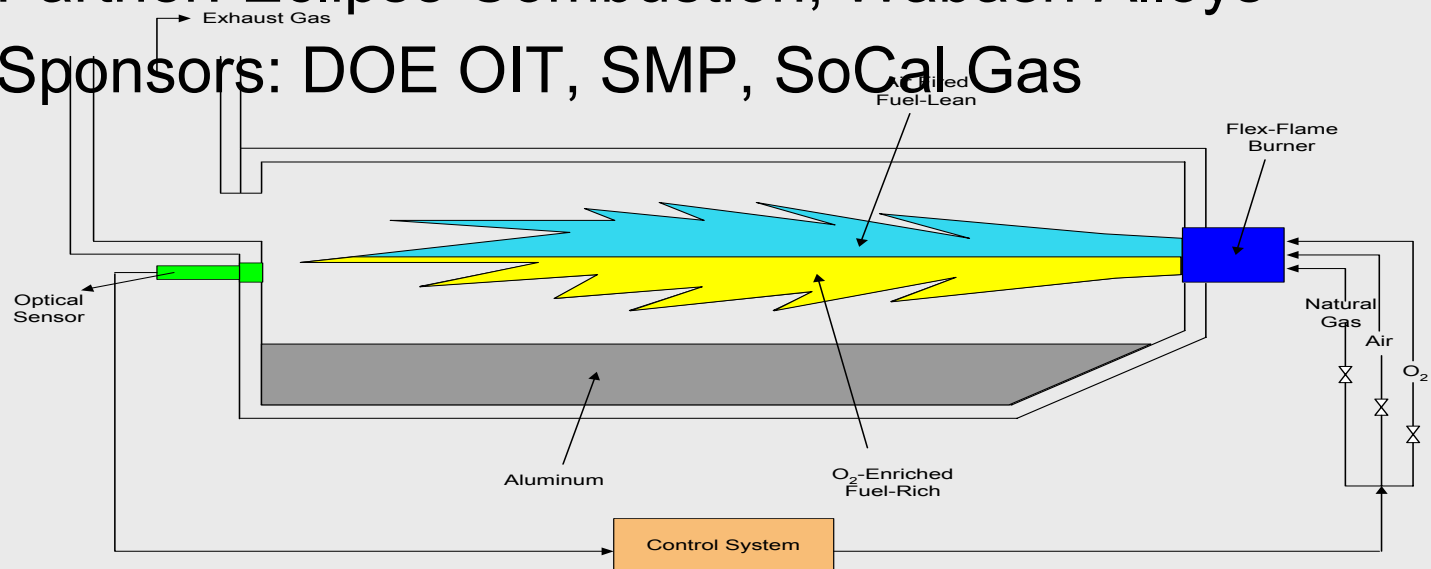
Thermal Imaging Control Status

- > Proved imaging capability on a bench scale
- > Developed control algorithms and proved concept on a heat treat lab furnace
- > Future activities: test prototype unit on a commercial furnace



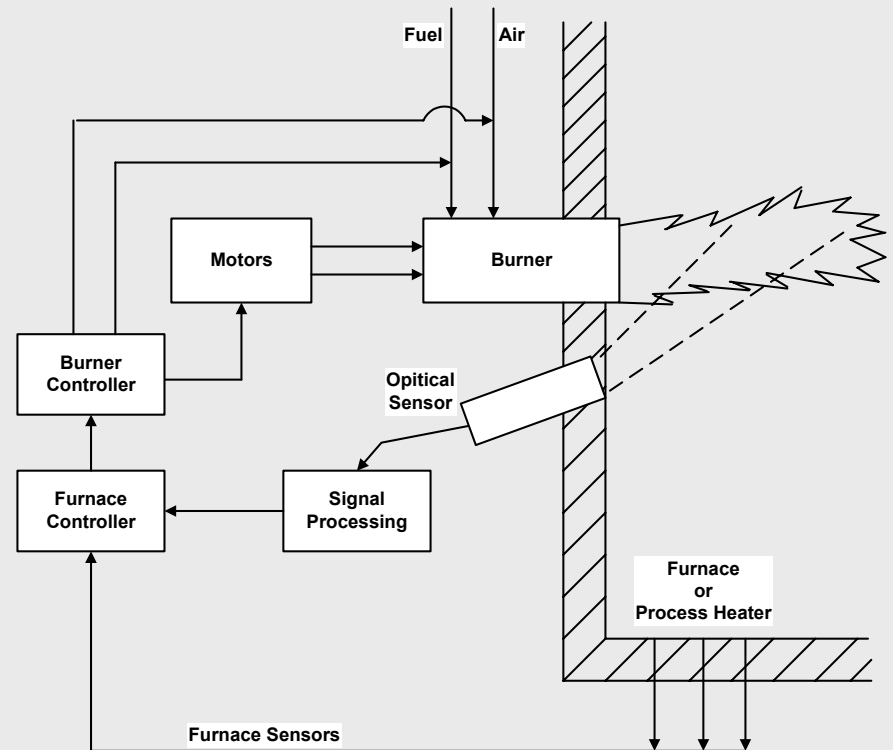
Self Optimizing Combustion System

- > Key features: Automatically adjusts flame characteristics to match process requirements, reduces NO_x, minimizes metal oxidation, and increases production rate
- > Applications: Metal melting/ heating furnaces, and fluid heaters
- > Partner: Eclipse Combustion, Wabash Alloys
- > Sponsors: DOE OIT, SMP, SoCal Gas



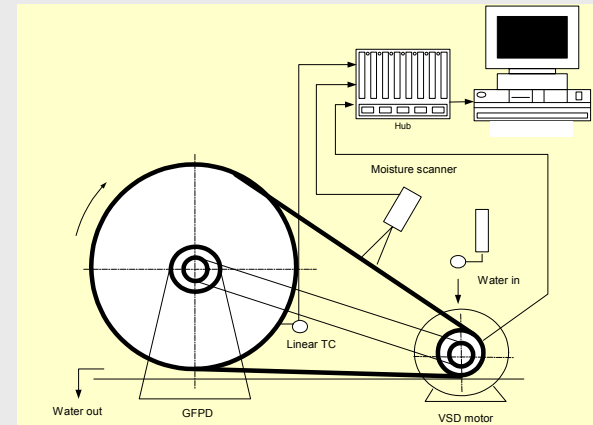
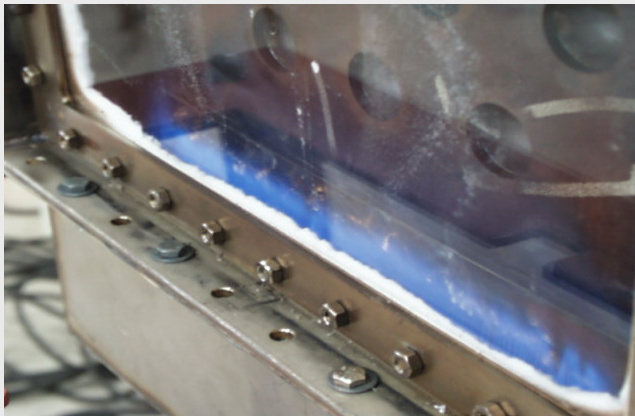
SOCS Status

- > Status:
 - Completed bench scale tests
 - Undergoing lab tests at GTI on a pilot scale burner
- > Future activities:
 - Complete lab tests at GTI and test performance on an aluminum melter



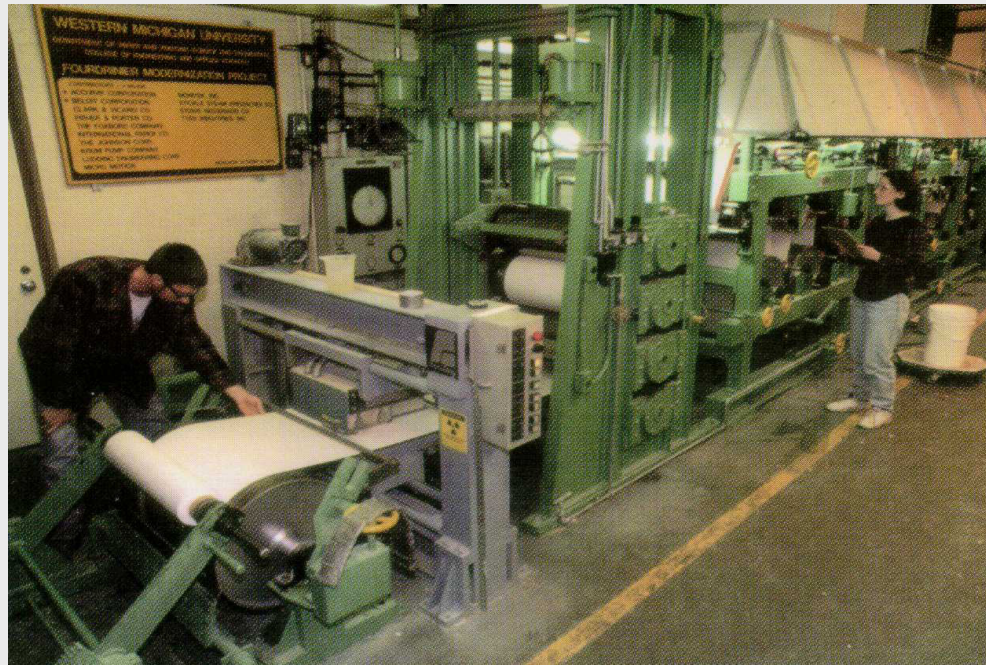
High Capacity Paper Dryer

- > Key features: Increase production rate using existing machines while increasing efficiency and reducing NOx
- > Applications: Paper drying
- > Partners: GL&V/ Black Clawson-Kennedy, Boise-Cascade, Flynn Burner Corp, WMU, Purdue U
- > Sponsors: GRI, DOE OIT, SMP



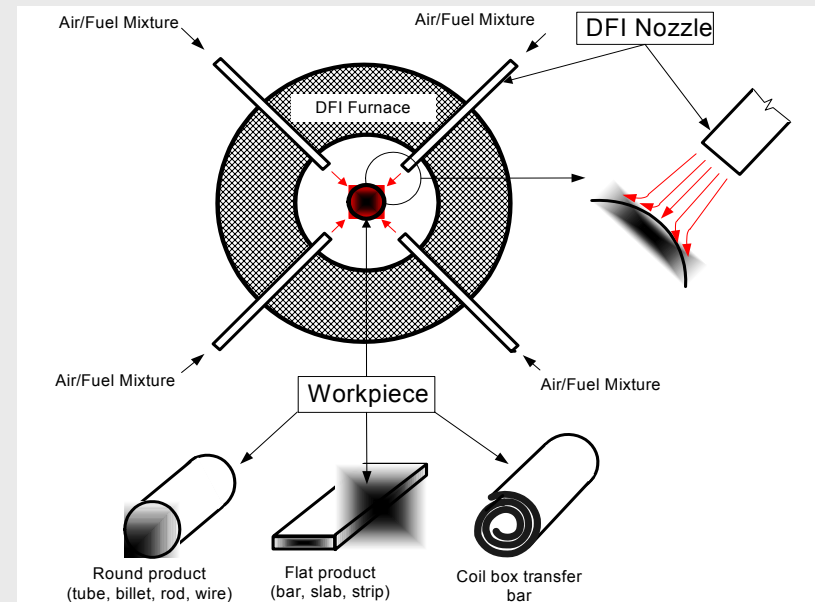
High Capacity Paper Dryer Status

- > Tested performance in the laboratory at a bench scale
- > Designed pilot scale dryer drum for testing at GTI and WMU
- > Future activities: test performance at GTI and at WMU pilot paper machine, seek support for full scale testing at a paper mill



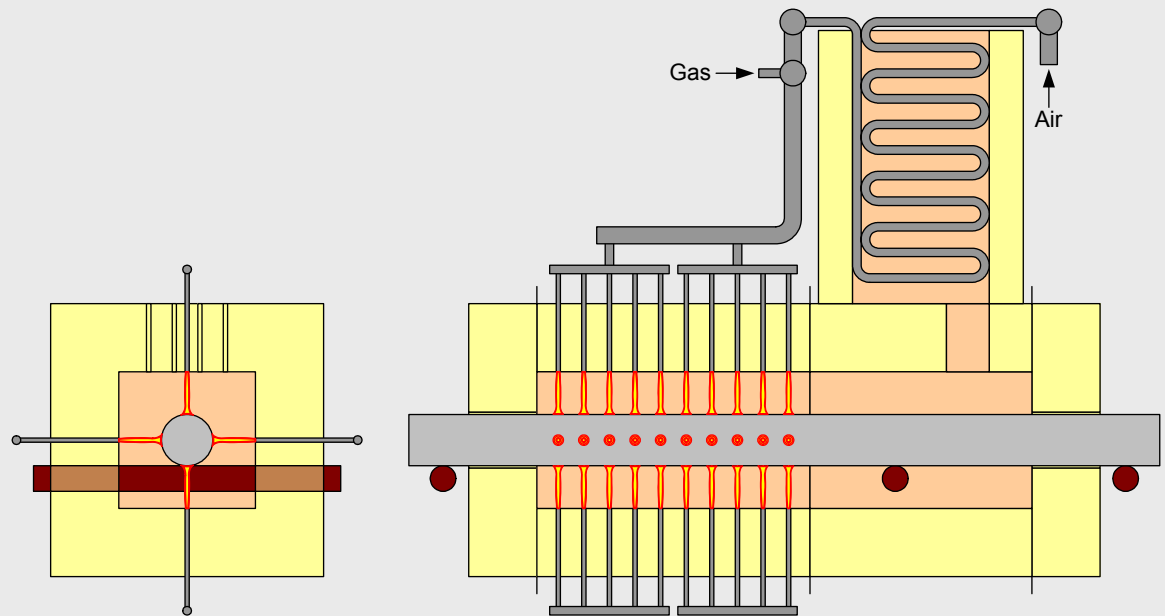
Direct Flame Impingement Heating

- > Key feature: Direct flame impingement heating provides improved efficiency, fast startup, NO_x below 50 vppm, and longer refractory life
- > Applications: Heating of square, round and flat metal shapes
- > Partners: NA Manufacturing Co, NA Furnace Co, Bethlehem Steel, Geneva Steel, Timken, RAES
- > Sponsors: DOE OIT, GRI, SMP



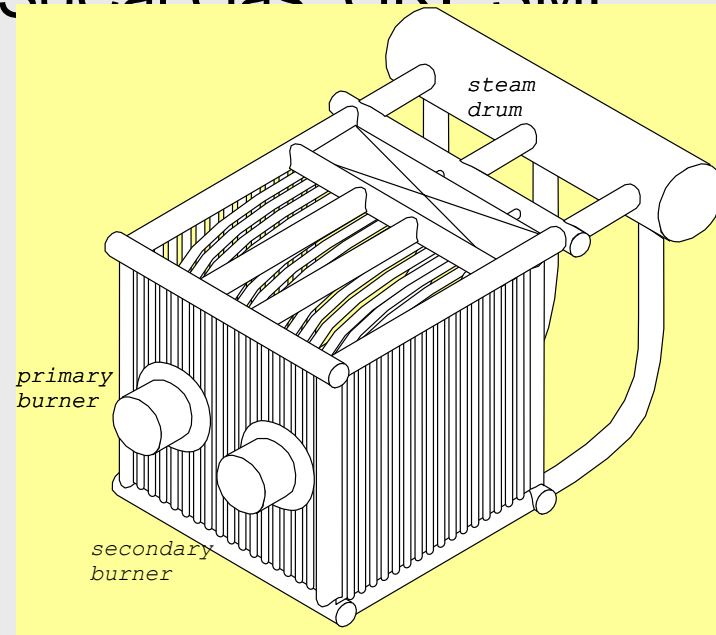
DFI Status

- > Pilot scale furnace under construction for lab testing at GTI
- > Future activities: complete lab testing, test at industrial site(s) through partial retrofit



Super Boiler

- > Key features: <5 vppm NO_x, <20 vppm CO/THC, >94% efficiency, 50% smaller footprint and weight, longer life
- > Applications: Industrial and commercial facilities
- > Partners: Cleaver Brooks, ABMA
- > Sponsors: DOE OIT, SoCal Gas, GRI, SMP



Super Boiler Status

- > Combustion, heat-transfer and condenser concepts lab tested
- > First generation Superboiler designs developed, and a 5 mm Btu/H boiler is under construction for lab testing at GTI
- > Superboiler 2020 RD&D plan under development
 - Create the framework of a long-range program for innovative crosscutting steam generation R&D
 - Assemble an industrial advisory group
- > Future: complete lab and subsequent field testing and finalize 2020 R&D plan

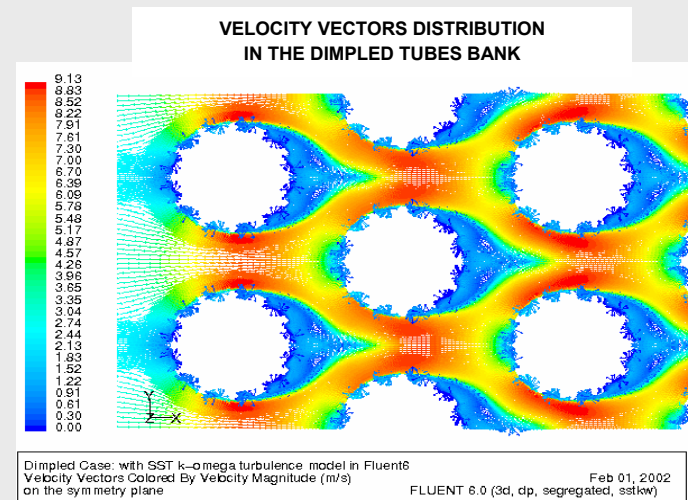
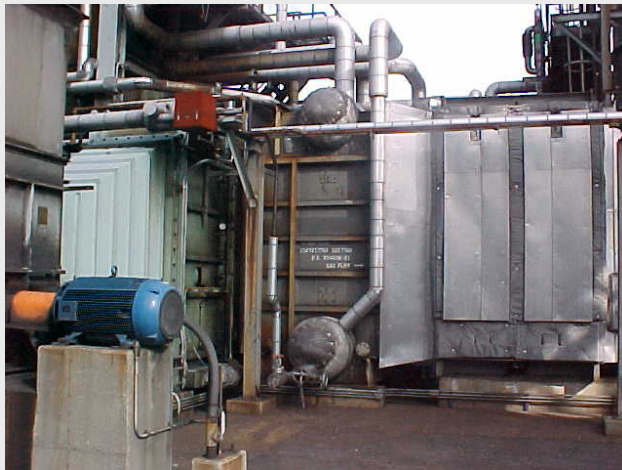
Enhanced Heat Exchangers for Process Heaters

- > Key features: Increase efficiency of process heaters without increasing pressure drop
- > Applications: Process heaters
- > Partners: BP, Exxon Mobil, KTI corp
- > Sponsors: GRI, DOE OIT, SMP



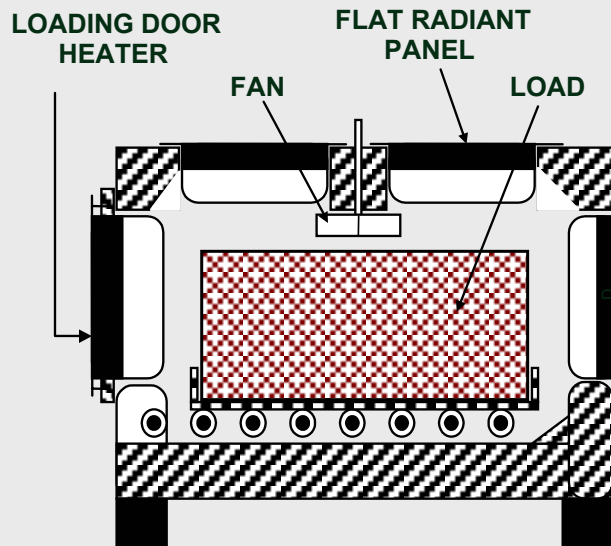
Enhanced Heat Exchanger Status

- > Completed CFD modeling to assist with heat exchanger tube design
- > Constructed pilot scale heat exchanger
- > Future activities: Test pilot unit at GTI, scale up and test performance by retrofitting a convective pass section at Cherry Point Refinery



Flat Radiant Panel

- > Key features: Internally recuperated, uniform temperature, low NO_x, indirect-fired
- > Applications: hest treating, paint drying, food processing
- > Status: successfully tested a 1.2MM Btu/h, 1600°F furnace equipped with 6 FRPs and tested a 2000°F FRP, seeking field testing site



Recently Initiated and Planned Developments

- > Partial oxidation gas turbine for power and H₂-rich gas production
- > Combustion temperature, composition* sensors
- > Ultra low emissions and high efficiency engine systems
- > Measurement and characterization of ultra-fine particulates
- > Catalysts/ sorbents for air toxics control
- > Food processing technologies
- > IR heaters